### Flood Diversion Authority October Report

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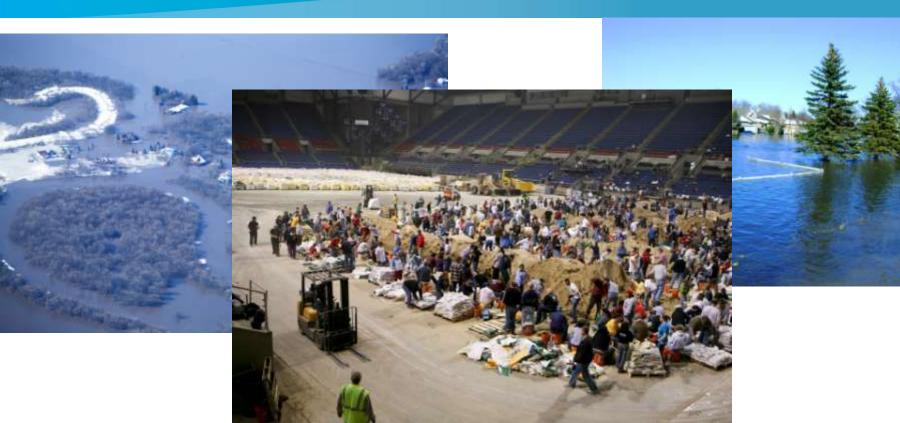


## **Tropical Storm Sandy**





# **Red River Basin Flooding**





- Joint technical team continued design efforts on :
  - Reaches 1-5, Rush/Lowe Rush Inlets, Wild Rice River and Drayton Dam (USACE)
  - County Road 31 and 20 Bridges, and Reach 3 bridges (HMG)
- Authority technical team conducted technical reviews of:
  - USACE 35% submittals on the Wild Rice Dam fish passage mitigation project, 50% design for Reach 3 BNSF bridges, and the Channel Constructability VE
- Alignment analysis/ refinement for both the Southern and Western alignments complete (decisions to be made/ announced today)



- Preliminary development of Oxbow area levee option
  - Special Authority Board meeting on October 23 to request USACE to further analyze the ring-levee plan
  - Formation of the Corps led project delivery team (PDT)
  - Initial supporting analysis started by HMG
- Approved selection of the property management firm for the project, acquired 21 vacant lots in West Fargo, and delivered purchase agreements for 3 hardship properties
- Endorsed local drainage and local transportation plans through the Agricultural Policy Subcommittee



- Joint team continued to work on the MN EIS and the program permitting plan:
  - Submitted a completed EAW form for review by MnDNR toward development of the Scoping Decision Document
  - Completed version 1 of the project Permitting Plan
- Toured the Winnipeg Floodway on October 11-12 with USACE and Authority members
- Board approved \$500k to initiate RRBC retention study, PMC and technical staff working with RRBC to provide tech support and review



- Leadership team traveled to Washington D.C. October 23-25 to stress need for the project with ND and MN Congressional staff and USACE
- Completed the closeout of FY12 activities and transitioned to the FY13 work plan.
- Public outreach activities included
  - Monthly "Diversion Dialogue" e-newsletter, with focus on new design features and economic benefits
  - Appeared at Basin Commission meeting on October 29
  - Continued planning for a Nov 14 Horace community meeting
  - Updates to the project website, <u>www.fmdiversion.com</u>, including comment section

